

Red China and the U.S.S.R.

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Taking part in the discussion were Dean Rusk, Secretary of State; U. Alexis Johnson, Deputy Under Secretary for Political Affairs; W. Averell Harriman, Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs; Roger Hillsman, Director of Intelligence and Research; Kurt L. London, Director, Institute of Sino-Soviet Studies, George Washington University; William C. Johnstone, consultant to the Rand Corporation and professor of Asian studies, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; Warren Unna, Asian correspondent for the Washington Post; Mrs. Lorraine B. Torres, staff associate, American Association of University Women; Herbert Stein, director of research, Committee for Economic Development; Frank O'Brien, staff member, Committee for Economic Development; Randolph Carr, founder and member, Asia Research Center; and Conrad F. Morrow, student, George Washington University. John L. Steele, chief, Time-Life Washington Bureau, was moderator.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Steele: Welcome to another State Department briefing. I am John Steele, chief of the Time-Life Washington Bureau. In a moment you and I will join a group of distinguished State Department officers in a briefing on the vital question of currently troubled relations between Communist China and the Soviet Union. The men we shall join are—all of them—experts in their field. It is their business first to study and appraise the developing

relationships between the two giants of the Communist world. And thereafter they help formulate recommendations which, through the Secretary of State, go to the President for consideration in the making of our world policies.

The Soviet Union and Red China, acting together and in unison, would represent an extremely powerful combination. Together these two countries occupy more than one-fifth of the land surface of the globe. Their populations constitute nearly one-third of all the people on this planet. The British geographer Mackinder once prophesied that possession of this Eurasian heartland would confer such power that it could lead to world domination. Whether or not this is true, it is obvious that a close alliance of Red China and the Soviet

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